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I called on Mrs. Kelly, who occupies the basement and first floor of the same house as James Mills. Knocked at the front door. The door was open, but nobody answered. I went around to the rear door and that also was open but nobody answered. As I was standing there little Danny Mills, the son of Mrs. Mills, was going out of the yard. I asked him if Mrs. Kelly was in and he said yes that she was in the alley. He said, "Mrs. Kelly, here's a man who wants to see you". Mrs. Kelly came around and asked if I wanted to see her. I said that I did and asked if I could talk to her for a few minutes. We went into her rooms on the basement floor. I told her I would like to know what she knew about the Hall-Mills case. She said that the first thing she knew about it was when Detective Totten of Somerville came to see Mr. Mills, after the bodies had been found. Mr. Totten asked her if Mr. Mills was in and she said that he had gone out just a few minutes before. He said, "I have bad news for him", and told her that Mrs. Mills and Dr. Hall's bodies had been found and that they were murdered at De Russey's Lane, Phillips Farm. She said that was the first she knew about the murder, and that she was sick for two months after from the shock. She further said, "All that I know is what I read in the newspapers". She told me Mrs. Mills was a good neighbor and she never knew anything wrong of her. I then asked her if she had ever told anyone that a high power, big car stopped in front of the Mills house at 2:45 A.M. on Sept. 15, 1922, and that someone got out and rushed up the stairs to the Mills' home. She said it was a lie, that she never mentioned it to anybody and never saw such a thing or heard of it. She said, "I am telling you the truth, I know absolutely nothing about this case. The detectives and state troopers had me at Somerville and I told them just what I am telling you and I made an affidavit."

I then told her I might call back again and she said she would be glad to see me at any time.

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